



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Charles C. Stearns
Assignee: S3, Incorporated
Title: DECOMPRESSION OF MPEG COMPRESSED DATA IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM
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COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the office action in this case dated July 10, 1997.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 stand rejected in this case. The rejection is traversed and no claim amendments are made herein. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Birch, et al. in view of Kulakowski, et al. The Examiner stated in pertinent part:

...The video process decompressor 32 reduces decompressed video data which is output to video interface 40. The video process decompressor 32 also separates out the user data which is output to compression control processor 34. The compression control processor 34 identifies and culls out vertical blanking interval data which has been packed into the user data. The VBI is then output from the compression control processor 34 to the video interface 40....